

IN THE CLAIMS

No claims are amended. Claims 22 and 23 are added. All pending claims are reproduced below.

- 1 1. (original) A computer implemented method, comprising:
- 2 accepting a posting on a website of a project that a buyer wants completed;
- 3 receiving a bid on the project from a seller;
- 4 allowing the buyer to accept the received bid from the seller; and
- 5 allowing the buyer and the seller to work on the project in a collaborative workspace
- 6 accessible by only the buyer and the seller.
- 1 2. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a
- 2 project name.
- 1 3. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a
- 2 project description.
- 1 4. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a
- 2 category.
- 1 5. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a
- 2 price estimate.
- 1 6. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in a
- 2 closed auction.
- 1 7. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in
- 2 an open auction.
- 1 8. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in a
- 2 Dutch auction.

1 9. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the collaborative
2 workspace includes:

3 one or more communication tools;
4 a file structure;
5 one or more workbenches; and
6 one or more project management tools.

1 10. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 9, wherein the file structure
2 includes at least one private folder.

1 11. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 9, wherein the file structure
2 includes at least one shared folder.

12. (original) A computer implemented method, comprising:

accepting on a website, the posting of a service offering by a seller;
receiving requirements for the service offering from a buyer;
returning an optimized list of service offerings to the buyer in accordance with the
buyer's requirements; and
accepting a purchase request for the service offering from the buyer.

1 13. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein at least one of the
2 buyer's requirements is inflexible.

1 14. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein the optimized list
2 includes service offerings that meet all of the buyer's requirements.

1 15. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein the optimized list
2 includes service offerings that meet a subset of the buyer's requirements.

1 16. (original) A computer implemented method, comprising:

2 accepting on a website, the posting of a service offering for a project by a seller;
3 receiving requirements for the service offering from a buyer;
4 accepting a purchase request for the service offering from the buyer; and

5 allowing the buyer and the seller to work on the project in a collaborative workspace
6 accessible by only the buyer and the seller.

1 17. (original) In a computer system, an apparatus used by a buyer and seller for buying and
2 selling services over a network, comprising:

3 a web server for connecting to the network;

4 an application connected to the web server for generating information based on
5 communication with the buyer and seller;

6 a database connected to the application for storing information received from the
7 application in memory.

1 18. (original) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services
2 marketplace by a buyer comprising:

3 posting a project on a website;

4 receiving via the website a bid on the project from a seller;

5 accepting the bid via the website; and

6 working on the project with the seller in a collaborative workspace.

1 19. (original) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services
2 marketplace by a seller comprising:

3 posting a service offering on a website;

4 receiving a purchase request for the service offering from a buyer;

5 accepting the purchase request via the website; and

6 working on the project with the buyer in a collaborative workspace.

1 20. (original) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services
2 marketplace by a seller comprising:

3 placing a bid on a project posted by a buyer on a website;

4 receiving via the website an acceptance of the bid by the buyer; and

5 working on the project with the buyer in a collaborative workspace.

- B¹* 1 21. (original) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services marketplace by a buyer comprising:
- 3 making a purchase request for a service offering posted by a seller on a website;
- 4 receiving via the website an acceptance of the purchase request by the seller; and
- 5 working on the project with the seller in a collaborative workspace.
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- B²* 1 22. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the buyer does not take part in generating the optimized list.
- 1 23. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the seller does not take
- 2 part in generating the optimized list.
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